

**Town of Scituate
COVID19 Updates**

April 16, 2020

COVID19 Cases in Scituate: 54

COVID19 Deaths in Scituate: 1

Note that the increase in numbers in Scituate is mainly within families with prior infection.

Surge in cases expected in Mass. between now and 4/20. Please follow aggressive social distancing and wear a mask and gloves if you go out.

The Town has been receiving calls from concerned residents about large groups not practicing social distancing by the lighthouse. The parking space access will be reduced to discourage this. If it continues to be a problem, the town may need to close the lot.

Also, families have begun to go to playgrounds. They are still closed. You may be alone at the park, but you don't know who was there before you or how long the virus lingers. Please respect the emergency closures. They're there to protect the community.

The COVID19 dedicated information page is available at www.scituatema.gov. Click on the red banner. You can find links to state and federal resources. Small businesses should go to the Scituate Chamber of Commerce website for additional resources.

Transfer Station will offer Seniors Only hours once a week beginning on Tuesday, 4/21 from 8am to 10am for residents 60+ with dump stickers. From 4/27, Senior Hours will be every Monday from 8am-10am. Note that the transfer station is closed on Monday, 4/20 for Patriot's Day. Please give our seniors some space. Dates and hours for coming weeks to be posted soon.

Scituate Public Schools have cancelled April vacation April 22-24. Distant learning will continue those days. The school year will end June 19th.

Thank you to the DPW for their hard work during the recent wind storm. At the peak, over 30% of the town was without power. DPW removed major limb/tree damage very quickly.

Note that as soon as the asphalt plants open (maybe next week), the town's spring paving schedule will begin. See the town website for the full list of roads to be paved. Includes parts of Mann Lot, Oceanside, Turner, First Parish, and Captain Peirce.

If you have questions about your stimulus check or other state/federal assistance, please see information on [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) and on [IRS.com/covid](https://www.irs.com/covid). PLEASE BE WARY OF SCAMS. No government agency will send you an email requesting banking information. Please be careful and educate yourself through official webpages.

SANDS volunteers are standing ready to help people with shopping, vital errands, securing masks, and transfer station runs. www.sandshelps.org or call COA.

Thank you to all town employees who keep providing services to residents through this difficult time.